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(HUNTER, CARRIE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: KIGOMA POSTMEN

REF: A)DAR ES SALAAM 2050 AND B) DAR ES SALAAM 1952

1. IN RADIO CONVERSATION THIS MORNING (SUNDAY, 15 JUNE) WITH
OUR MIKE SCENNA IN KIGOMA WE LEARNED THAT BRYCESON EMISSARY
(REF A) DID NOT DEPART FOR OTHER SIDE LAST NIGHT AS PLANNED,
BUT NOW DUE LEAVE TUESDAY, 17 JUNE.

2. AT SAME TIME HOWEVER WE LEARNED ANOTHER POSTMAN SCENNA HAD
MADE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH (AND WHICH WE HAD NOT REPORTED) DID
TAKE OFF ON FRIDAY, 13 JUNE AND IS EXPECTED BACK IN KIGOMA
TONIGHT (15 JUNE) OR TOMORROW (16 JUNE).

3. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION TODAY OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS WITH
BGJCESON AND VAN DEN BERG WE HAVE DECIDED IT NECESSARY FOR THREE
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OF US PROCEED KIGOMA TO ASSESS SITUATION AND TAKE WHATEVER STEPS

NECESSARY. EMBASSY HAS THEREFORE ARRANGED CHARTER WHICH WILL DEPART 0730 HOURS MONDAY, 16 JUNE AND RETURN SAME EVENING.

4. IF THE FRIDAY POSTMAN HAS RETURNED BY TIME OUR ARRIVAL WE WILL DEBRIEF HIM AND BASED ON HIS REPORT WILL KNOW HOW INSTRUCT BRYCESON POSTMAN DEPARTING TUESDAY. IF BRYCESON POSTMAN REALLY UNABLE TRAVEL BECAUSE OF HEALTH (APPARENT REASON FOR SECOND DELAY ALSO - AND WHICH WE ANXIOUS PERSONALLY DETERMINE) THEN WE WILL DISPATCH OUR SCENNA-ARRANGED EMISSARY - OR ANOTHER.

5. FURTHER BELIEVE KIGOMA INTERVENTION BY PRINCIPALS (USG, DUTCH AND BRYCESON) WOULD MAKE USEFUL IMPACT AT THIS STAGE AND GIVE MY COLLEAGUE AND ME A BETTER AND DIRECT FEEL OF SITUATION THERE.

6. SHOULD NEED ARISE FOR DEPT CONSULTATION WHILE KIGOMA, WILL USE RADIO TO DAR AND DAR WILL TRANSMIT MESSAGE.

7. HAVE JUST RECEIVED STATE 139934, AND AGREE WITH SUBSTANCE OF PARAS ONE AND TWO. ONLY INFO OBTAINED FRIDAY WITH MFA WAS THAT HYERERE EMISSARY (RELEASED PRISONER) HAD NOT DEPARTED FOR OTHER SIDE AS OF THAT MORNING. WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN FURTHER UPDATE ASAP.

8. KIGOMA MISSION NOT IN CONFLICT WITH STATE HOUSE PLANS. DAVE HAMBURG BRIEFED ON THIS PLAN AND CONCURS.

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